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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the East, but unchanged in the Midwest and West when compared to a week earlier. Retail demand was light to moderate with reports of food service movement in a full range of fair to good, best where fast food promotions were in progress. Buying activity in the East was slow due to weather conditions, but other areas were optimistic about first of the month movement. Supplies of all sizes were adequate with heavier sizes often long in the West. In the parts structure, breast items were sufficient although tenders were reported as very close and moving. Dark meat was well balanced to closely cleared, and wings were adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 31-JAN-2005.

(cents per lb)	US GRADE A	COMPOSITE			
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Boston/New Eng	71.00-72.00	70.40	15	69.77	52
Chicago	63.00-66.00	66.74	40	67.69	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			69.23	22
Denver	79.50	79.34	14	78.98	16
Detroit	65.00-68.00	68.15	13	69.85	53
Los Angeles	80.00	79.13	63	74.55	155
New York	68.00-71.00	70.74	23	70.04	72
Philadelphia	68.50-71.00	69.36	11	67.80	22
Pittsburgh	69.00-71.00	69.91	11	71.21	57
St. Louis	66.00-66.25	65.76	21	64.59	36
San Francisco	80.50	80.46	34	82.08	56

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	01/31/05	Change/Last Wk	01/24/05	02/02/04
614	71.50	-.14	71.64	74.90

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	69.50-71.00	71.09	34
Central	60.00-71.00	67.99	70
Western	63.00-72.00	71.49	36

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	72.00-75.00	73.51	90
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,137	63.00-75.75	72.63

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	165.00	1,432
BREASTS - B/S	160.00	6,036
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,491
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.50	1,128
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,829
WINGS	121.50	3,100

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best entering week. Offerings ranged adequate to ample and competitively priced to stimulate additional interest. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were sufficient for trade needs; thighs and drums were well cleared. Wings were at least adequate. Legs and leg quarters were adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate with expectations that mid-week business would improve for first of the month business. Supplies were usually adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good. Breast items were close balanced to tight and continued to move. Wings and dark meat were in balance to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged compared to last week levels. Trading reported on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices and new negotiations at unchanged to slightly higher prices. Offerings were adequate overall for immediate needs. Buying activity was fair to fairly good. Retailer demand was fairly good where features slated for later in the week elsewhere moderate. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone remained firm on breast with balance of parts steady to fully steady. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters 30.5-32 bulk and 4/10s 34-36, boneless leg meat 77-83, boneless thigh meat 90, breast bone-in 96-106 and boneless 158-162, wings 124-126. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 64.66 up .28 with the volume reported at 28 loads unchanged.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Majority prices unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone was steady on whole broiler/fryers. Offerings sufficient on light interest. Demand was in a full range; retail generally moderate, food service moderate to instances good. Floor stocks were adequate to close; weights desirable. Part trade was light to moderate, best on boneless/skinless breast. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on parts with undertone mixed.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair at best. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample, and were competitively priced in several instances to stimulate additional buyer interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 70 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, supplies were generally adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	62-85
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	73.61
NO. OF BOXES	7,222

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of breast items were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Tenderloins were clearing well. Thighs and drums were in close balance. Leg and leg quarters were adequate. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to at least moderate. The market tone was generally steady on breast items; steady to fully steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	165-170	158.87	567,340
TENDERLOINS	130	125.01	100,660
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	96.08	97,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	91.37	111,760
LEGS	44-45	42.76	348,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.88	262,845
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	34.73	131,690
THIGHS	37-38	44.79	48,160
B/S THIGHS	94-95	91.95	60,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	115-116	123.98	187,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.66	37,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.07	15,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	62.58	16,360

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,618	137.00-210.00	160-166	161.48
TENDERLOINS	463	108.00-178.00	-	149.04
BREAST - WITH RIBS	247	86.00-94.00	86-90	89.23
FRONT HALVES	503	70.00-83.00	71-73	72.18
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	967	26.00-30.00	26-27	26.69
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,234	27.00-29.00	28-29	28.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,560	24.00-38.00	35-37	35.75

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts 01/27	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts 01/24
Alabama	3,865	3,970	5.13	4,019	5.16
Arkansas	5,538	5,061	5.05	5,216	4.98
Delmarva	2,214	2,267	5.49	2,099	5.58
KY-LA-TN	2,165	2,166	5.08	2,180	5.03
Mississippi	2,821	2,855	5.41	2,897	5.59
North Carolina	2,599	2,438	6.37	2,258	6.55
Texas	2,453	2,477	5.20	3,174	5.36
Total	21,655	21,234	5.33	21,843	5.38
Mon	21,655(A)			21,843(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Jan 2005 is estimated to be 32,398,000 down 1.16 percent from a week ago, and up 5.5 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,778,000 last year 30,695,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	550	155.00-168.00	160-165	160.02
TENDERLOINS	153	128.00-170.00	128-131	131.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	82.00-91.00	-	89.90
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	571	26.00-29.50	27-28	27.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	628	29.00-32.00	29-31	30.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	120.00-125.00		123.56
WINGS (CUT)	275	134.00-140.00		135.22
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR JANUARY 31, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.50 - 48.25	47.23	49.86

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 03-JAN-2005 TO 07-JAN-2005, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	136.00 - 166.00	150.00 - 163.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 117.00	88.00 - 97.00
LEGS	31.00 - 48.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27.00 - 39.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 43.00	-
THIGHS	37.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	105.00 - 131.00	118.00 - 122.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 65.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.25-98.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89.75-101.75

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63-73

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

#### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-108
	ICE PACK 103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111
	ICE PACK 108-111
HENS OVER 5#	89-95
	ICE PACK 89-93
DUCKS	175-192

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.25	18.25-22.00	448,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.25	20.13		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-22.00	14.00-20.00	3,146,000	1,986,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.85	16.99		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	19.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

JANUARY 28, 2005  
**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	19.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	-	12.75-18.00	1,122,000	81,600
WTD AVERAGE		15.26		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.5	11-13	11.79
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
 SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-15	10.5-12	11.61

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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